(vii) A reservation of 3% should be made for disabled persons. This reservation should be horizontal reservation i.e. disabled persons of different categories would fall in their respective categories.

Provision of Safe drinking water in villages of Karnataka

848. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are villages in Karnataka where drinking water is not available;

(b) is so, the numbers thereof; and

(c) the steps Government popose to take to provide safe drinking water to such villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT

(SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the reports received from Government of Karnataka, as on 1.4.1998, there are 1940 not covered habitations with no public drinking water sources in Karnataka.

(c) Rural Water Supply is a State subject. As per the Action Plan formulated by Government of Karnataka, all the habitations in Karnataka are to be provided with safe drinking water as per the national norms of 40 litres per capita per day during the 9th Plan period.

Central Rural Sanitation Programme

849. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount utilised by the States during 1996-97 under Central Rural Sanitation Programme and the State-wise allocation made by Government; and

(b) the criteria adopted for the allocation of funds to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) A Statement showing the State-wise allocation and the amount utilised by the States under the Centrally sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme during 1996-97 is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) The criteria adopted for the allocation of funds to the States are as follows:—

* 50% weightage being given to incidence of poverty in States/UTs.
* 40% weightage being given to rural population.
* 10% weightage being given to the recognised hill states and hilly areas on the basis of their population.

Statement

Financial progress Under CRSP during 1996-97

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Allocation	Release	Expenditure
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pr.	343.00	590.014	1023.23
2.	Arunachal Pr.	8.00	4.000	9.12
3.	Assam	130.00	11.179	0.00
4.	Bihar	603.00	16.391	0.00
5.	Goa	5.00	2.500	20.00
6.	Gujarat	155.00	175.000	228.47
7.	Haryana	56.00	56.000	71.25
8.	Himachal Pr.	54.00	27.000	159.57
9.	J&K	75.00	37.500	13.07